condition that the credit card business should be conducted on sound lines and with the approval of the bank's Board. As credit card is basically a payment facility and credit is unsecured and incidental, the interest rate directives of RBI on loans and advances do not apply to fees imposed on credit cards. The RBI does not regulate service charges either. Each bank makes an estimates of its costs depending upon the volume, technology adopted, facilities offered, etc. for fixing the service charges.

Nomination of Directors to banks in Maharashtra

*137. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendation letters of MPs received from 1st July, 2001 to 31st October, 2001 for nomination of Directors to the banks in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the action taken so far on each of the letters; and

(c) by when Directors would be nominated in the banks in Maharashtra as per the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) During the period from 1.7.2001 to 31.10.2001 Government have received 5 such recommendations for appointment of non-official directors on the boards of public sector banks having headquarters in Maharashtra.

(b) These recommendations provide an input for selection of Directors on the boards of Public Sector Banks.

(c) Out of 36 posts of Directors in Banks having Headquarters in Maharashtra, 16 have already been filled and the rest are under process.

Spy Cameras at Airports

*138. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no provision of spy cameras at the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to instal such comeras at the airports to detect the hijackers and prohibited materials to be taken; and

(c) if so, by when such cameras are expected to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Close Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance cameras have been installed at the international airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata. CCTV cameras are also proposed to be installed at other international airports in the country namely Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Amritsar, Goa, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Bangalore and at the domestic airports at Jammu, Srinagar and Calicut. These cameras will be monitored by Airport Management, Airport Security Unit, Customs, and Immigration to observe movement of passengers and employees in the terminal building, security hold area and baggage make up area, to assist in facilitation, Security and regulatory functions. The system is expected to be completed in all respects by May, 2002.

Legislation to regulate exploitation of ground water

*139. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the State Governments have expressed a desire for having legislation to regulate ground water use in their regions in view of the over-exploitation of the ground water;

(b) whether any such Bill or proposal is pending before Government;

(c) if so, the details of such legislation and by when Government are going to bring it before Parliament; and

(d) the State-wise number of villages in the country facing the problem of quality water?